

2012/2013 Academic Senate

MINUTES  
May 6, 2013

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Forty-five Senators were present.

Ex Officio:

Present: Von Till, Van Selt,  
Lessow-Hurley,  
Worsnup  
Absent: Sabalius

CASA Representatives:

Present: Schultz-Krohn, Semerjian, Hebert, Cara  
Absent: Goyal

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Dukes, Junn  
Nance  
Absent: Qayoumi, Bibb

COB Representatives:

Present: Nellen, Reade

EDUC Representatives

Present: Kimbarow  
Absent: Swanson

Deans:

Present: Green, Vollendorf  
Bienenfeld, Stacks

ENGR Representatives:

Present: Gleixner, Backer, Du

Students:

Present: Jeffrey, Postovoit, Miller, Lee  
Absent: Condon, Holsey

H&A Representatives:

Present: Brown, Frazier, Bacich,  
Riley, Desalvo

Alumni Representative:

Present: Walters

SCI Representatives:

Present: McClory, Bros-Seemann, Cheruzel, Kress

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski

SOS Representatives:

Present: Ng, Peter Rudy, Heiden, Wilson

General Unit Representatives:

Present: Kauppila, Feind, Rubio,  
Yi-Baker

II. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes–  
The minutes of April 15, 2013 were approved.

III. Communications and Questions –  
A. From the Chair of the Senate –

Vice Chair Heiden presented Chair Von Till with a plaque from the Senate thanking her for her service as Senate Chair for the last two years. The Senate gave Chair Von Till a standing ovation. The Provost gave Chair Von Till a pen ~~award~~ with her initials as a departing gift.

B. From the President of the University–

President Qayoumi was not present and Provost ~~was~~ reported for him on the auxiliaries.

The President requested that ~~the~~ task force study the auxiliaries ~~and~~ investigate all possibilities.

No decisions have been made regarding the ~~issues~~ at this point. A proposal from the task force was shared with the Executive Committee. The President will share the report from the task force with the campus. The President believes all constituencies should be able to give their input. After the President is sure he has heard from everyone, he will make a decision.

Senator Buzanski asked if the President ~~plan~~ on making a decision during the summer. The Provost responded that she did not know. ~~Senator~~ Buzanski commented that the Executive Committee did not represent the full Senate ~~and~~ suggested the President ~~not~~ consider waiting until the fall when the full Senate would be back in session.

Senator Van Selst commented that he was ~~concerned~~ about the differences in the roles and responsibilities of the various ~~agencies~~ and that it would be too much work with too much internal conflict for too few people.

Senator Nance responded that ~~every~~ auxiliary has its own Board of Directors and two sets of legal elements which are California state ~~law~~ and CSU Executive Orders/Title V. The main concern that Senator Nance has heard ~~has~~ with the timing. The time frame was not intended to be specific months ~~but~~ rather from time zero plus. However, the task force responded with specific months ~~in~~ their report and this is where an issue has arisen. Just because the task force wrote specific months ~~does~~ mean that is when, or if, they will actually happen.

The Provost has hired a new ~~Deputy~~ Provost. Deputy Provost Andrew ~~Feinstein~~ from Cal State Polytechnic University, ~~Pomona~~ will start on July 15, 2013.

#### IV. Executive Committee Report –

##### A. Executive Committee Minutes –

Executive Committee Minutes of April 8, 2013– No questions.

Executive Committee Minutes of April 22, 2013 –No questions.

##### B. Consent Calendar –None

Senator Vanniarajan resigned during mid-term ~~and~~ special election has to be conducted. Nominations closed today and voting will begin online.

Michael Kaufman was the College of Science election winner and will serve a one-year Senate term ending May 2014.

Senate Officer nominees for this year will ~~be~~ voted on at next Monday's meeting from 4 to 5 p.m. and include:

Vice Chair – Michael Kimbarow, Stacy Gleixner

Associate Vice Chair – Pat Backer and Wendy Ng

Professional Standards Chair – Ken Peter

Organization and Government Chair – ~~Sh~~iebert, Michael Kaufman, Wendy Ng,

Michael Kimbarow  
Curriculum and Research Chair – Stacy Oxner and Shannon Bros-Seemann  
Instruction and Student Affairs Chair – Stefan Frazier, Pat Backer, Winncy Du  
CSU Statewide Rep to the Exec. Committee – Mark Van Selst

C. Executive Committee Action Items:

Senator Peter presented a motion to suspend the usual restrictions on debate for today's meeting to include five minutes of questions on first reading items, senators will be limited to speaking twice on final reading items, and senators may speak only two times to amendments. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted and the motion passed with a two-thirds vote.

V. Unfinished Business -None

VI. Policy Committee and University Library Board Action Items. In rotation.

A. University Library Board (ULB) –

Senator McClory asked Senators to review the materials that she sent via email and Dean Kifer will have a time certain of 3 p.m. at the next meeting to present this report.

B. Professional Standards Committee (PS) – No report.

C. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) –

Senator Bros-Seemann presented a motion to change the order of the two items being presented today so that *AS 1513* is presented first.

Senator Bros-Seemann announced that the C&R Committee encountered some problems this year and they were unable to finish the Distance Learning Policy and the GE Guidelines.

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to get a certificate unless you are enrolled in a university, but with this policy you will be able to get a certificate, ~~while~~ working toward a degree.

Senator Nellen suggested that there should probably be a minimum GPA for the basic certificates.

Senator Bros-Seemann explained that C&R felt that the college curriculum committees were the appropriate place for quality control and ~~that~~ colleagues know what was happening at the department level with the certificate programs.

***AS 1507, Policy Recommendation, Residency Requirements for Masters Degrees (Final Reading).***

The Senate voted and AS 1507 was approved ~~with~~ 2 Nays and 1 Abstention.

D. Organization and Government Committee (O&G) -

Senator Kimbarow presented ***AS 1502, Policy Recommendation, Amends S06-7, Merging, Dividing, Transferring, Eliminating Academic Departments (Final Reading).***

Senator Vollendorf presented an amendment ~~was~~ friendly to change the fourth line of number 1. under the Resolved clauses to read, ~~listed~~ by this policy is that there should be

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departments. Senator Heiden explained that they would be advising. Senator Brown then asked how this was different from the Program Planning Committee. Senator Heiden explained that Program Planning was more extensive review.

Senator Kimbarow presented **AS 1516, Senate Management Resolution, Procedures to take to consider rapid response to Sense of the Senate Resolutions in response to emergent external and internal issues (First Reading)**

Senator Kimbarow explained that there are times when a response by the Senate is needed very rapidly and cannot wait until the next Senate meeting. This resolution would establish procedures in that event.

Questions:

Senator Peter suggested changing it to two-thirds absolute majority vote.

Senator Buzanski expressed concern about how this process would work in reality, and asked why this would be needed if the Executive Committee acted on behalf of the Senate during the summer, and whether everything would be conducted electronically. Senator Kimbarow responded that it would be done through email. Senator Lessow-Hurley explained that it didn't just apply to the summer, but during the year when a response is needed before the Senate meets again. Senator Buzanski then expressed concern about how you would get a two-thirds vote of the Senate during the summer.

Senator Bros-Seemann expressed concern about what would happen if you got a low email response, and asked if this would be considered a no vote. Senator Kimbarow responded that it would not. Senator Bros-Seemann suggested that could make it difficult to get a two-thirds vote.

E. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA) –

Senator Du presented **AS 1508, Policy Recommendation, Amendment to S05-4, Academic Qualifications for Student Office Holders (Final Reading)**. Senator Du explained the purpose of the policy was to change the GPA for Student Office Holders from 2.0 to 2.5.

Senator Worsnup explained that he does have some students serving on committees that would be affected by this change. They are performing well, but their GPA falls in the middle of the 2.0 and 2.5 GPA range.

Senator Postovoit noted that research he has shown that most students that volunteer to serve on the committees have GPAs that fall in the 2.0 to 2.2 range. Senator Du commented that the I&SA Committee had consulted with Associated Students and with the Research Foundation last December, and there was no major concern about raising the GPA from 2.0 to 2.5.

Senator Brown commented that he did not understand the rationale if the university accepts students with a 2.0 GPA then why should student office holders have to have a 2.5 GPA. Senator Du explained that what happens is that if a student office holder begins with a GPA

of 2.0 and then has a semester where their GPA is below 2.0, then they can be disqualified and removed from the committees they serve. Whereas, if the student starts with a GPA of 2.5 then there is less chance of this happening. Most of the student organizations require a GPA of 2.5 right now.

The Senate voted and AS 1508 failed with 2 Abstentions.

Senator Du presented **AS 1510, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Common Writing Handbook for SJSU (Final Reading).**

Senator Bros-Seemann presented an amendment to replace the first Resolved clause with, "That the Senate endorse the concept of a digital version of a General Writing Handbook and encourages the WRC to widely seek input on its content from interested stakeholders, ..."

Senator Peter presented an amendment to the Bros-Seemann amendment that was friendly to split the Bros-Seemann amendment that "on its content" is separate from the rest of the Bros-Seemann amendment. The Bros-Seemann amendment on its content" was friendly. Senator Bros Seemann presented an amendment to her amendment to change the first line of the Resolved clause to read, "That the Senate endorse the concept of a digital Universal Writing Handbook" and that the title also be changed to reflect "Universal Writing Handbook" instead of "Common Writing Handbook." The Bros-Seemann amendment was seconded. The Senate voted on the Bros-Seemann amendment to her original amendment and the amendment failed. Senator Bros-Seemann withdrew her original amendment.

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Debate:

Senator Peter announced that he would support the resolution, but he noted that the President has said he would consider delaying a decision until the Fall, and that he has made no decisions yet. However, the content of the task force report was inflammatory and many people have expressed concern about the lack of consultation. This resolution suggests a cooling off period, and asks the President to delay the decision until the Fall. The resolution also allows the Executive Committee to setup the task force, and the Executive Committee includes the Provost and the President. Senator Peter also commented that he was proud of the way that Associated Students had behaved and handled themselves in this situation.

Senator Heiden expressed concern about the resolution when the President was not available to attend today's Senate meeting. Senator Heiden suggested it would be useful to postpone voting on resolution until the President was present. Senator Heiden made a motion to postpone the debate until the May 13, 2013 Senate meeting when the President could be present. The motion was seconded.

The Senate voted and the Heiden motion to delay debate until the May 13, 2013 meeting was approved with 1 Nay and No Abstentions.

Senator Bros-Seemann and Senator Backer presented **ASD 18, Policy Recommendation, Online and Distance Courses and Degree Programs, Replaces S01-10, (Distance Education Courses and Programs) (First Reading)**

Questions:

Senator Rudy suggested that language be included that would ensure faculty have the necessary equipment and infrastructure to support the policy.

Senator Peter asked if the policy had changed significantly from the old policy, and if not could strikeouts and underlines be included so that Senators could see where changes had been made. Senator Backer replied that there were significant changes from the old policy. The C&R Committee used San Mateo's policy as a sample.

Senator Brown asked if existing courses that are going to be converted to online courses need to go through the curriculum committee. Senator Backer replied that the C&R Committee feels that any curricular changes that occur once a course is approved are up to the department. However, since modality changes sometimes bring resource issues, the college dean needs to be involved. Senator Brown asked to be sent an electronic copy of the proposed policy to send to her colleagues.

Senator Backer explained that the intent of the policy was to make general principles that would then cover all online courses, but not specifying particular types of courses like Udacity or EdX.



